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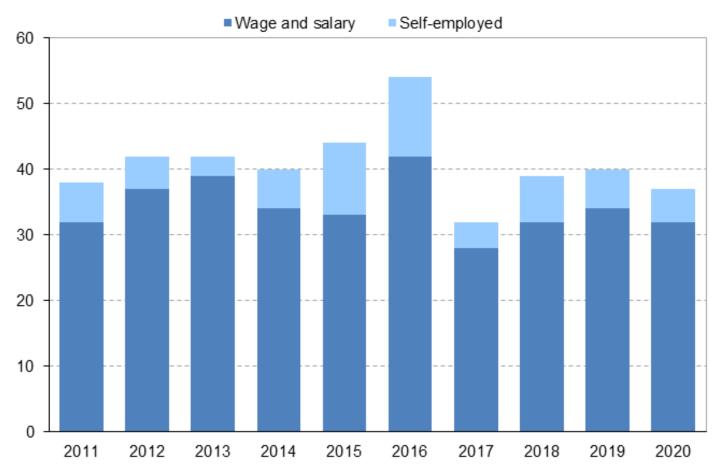
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Fatal Work Injuries in Nevada – 2020

Fatal work injuries totaled 37 in 2020 for Nevada, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Chris Rosenlund noted that the number of work-related fatalities in Nevada was three less than the previous year. (See chart 1.) Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 71 in 2007 to a low of 24 in 2009.

Nationwide, a total of 4,764 fatal work injuries were recorded in 2020, an 11-percent decrease from 5,333 in 2019, according to the results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). The 4,764 fatal occupational injuries in 2020 represents the lowest annual number since 2013.

Chart 1. Number of fatal occupational injuries by employee status, Nevada, 2011–20



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

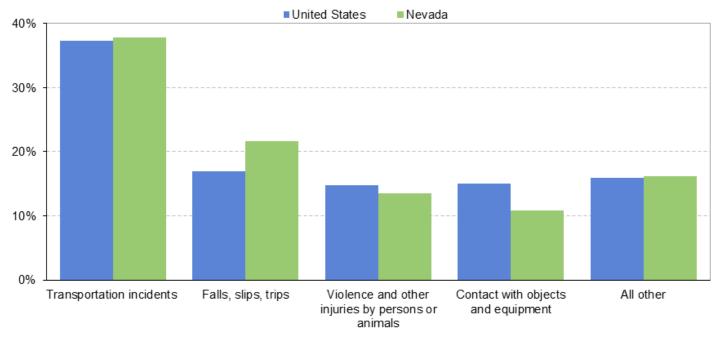
Fatal event or exposure

In Nevada, transportation incidents resulted in 14 fatal work injuries and falls, slips, or trips accounted for 8 fatalities. These two major categories accounted for 59 percent of all fatal workplace injuries in the state. (See chart 2 and table 1.) Worker deaths from transportation incidents were down from 18 over the year and worker fatalities due to falls, slips, or trips were down from 9.

Violence and other injuries by persons or animals were the third-most frequent fatal work event with five fatalities, and contact with objects and equipment resulted in four work-related deaths.

Nationally, transportation incidents were the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2020, accounting for 37 percent of fatal work injuries. Falls, slips, and trips was the second-most common fatal event (17 percent).

Chart 2. Percent distribution of total fatal occupational injuries by event, United States and Nevada, 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Industry

The private transportation and warehousing industry sector had the highest number of fatalities in Nevada with 10, up from 9 in the previous year. (See table 2.) Transportation incidents resulted in 8 of the 10 fatalities in the industry. The truck transportation subsector accounted for 6 of the 10 fatal workplace injuries in the transportation and warehousing industry.

The private construction industry sector had nine fatal workplace injuries, up from seven in 2019. Government had four fatalities, up from one in 2019.

Occupation

The transportation and material moving occupational group had the highest number of fatal workplace injuries with 14. (See table 3.) Motor vehicle operators accounted for 9 of the 14 fatalities among transportation and material moving workers. The construction and extraction occupational group had the second highest number of fatal workplace injuries with eight.

Additional highlights:

- Men accounted for 84 percent of the work-related fatalities in Nevada, compared to the 92 percent national share. (See table 4.)
- White non-Hispanics accounted for 65 percent of those who died from a workplace injury. Nationwide, this group accounted for 61 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old accounted for 54 percent of the state's work-related fatalities in 2020, compared to 56 percent of on-the-job fatalities nationally.
- Of the 37 fatal work injuries in Nevada, 86 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remainder were self-employed.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

CFOI reports fatal workplace injuries only. These may include fatal workplace injuries complicated by an illness such as COVID-19. Fatal workplace illnesses not precipitated by an injury are not in scope for CFOI. CFOI does not report any illness related information, including COVID-19. Additional information is available at www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-on-workplace-injuries-and-illnesses-compensation-and-occupational-requirements.htm.

Technical Note

Background of the program. The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) program, is a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the U.S. during the calendar year. The CFOI uses a variety of state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This ensures counts are as complete and accurate as possible. For the 2020 national data, over 21,600 unique source documents were reviewed as part of the data collection process. For technical information and definitions for the CFOI, see the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cfoi/home.htm and the CFOI definitions at www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfdef.htm.

Federal/State agency coverage. The CFOI includes data for all fatal work injuries, some of which may be outside the scope of other agencies or regulatory coverage. Comparisons between CFOI counts and those released by other agencies should account for the different coverage requirements and definitions used by each agency. For more information on the scope of CFOI, see www.bls.gov/iif/cfoiscope.htm and www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cfoi/concepts.htm.

Acknowledgments. BLS thanks the Nevada Division of Industrial Relations for their efforts in collecting accurate, comprehensive, and useful data on fatal work injuries. BLS also appreciates the efforts of all federal, state, local, and private sector entities that provided source documents used to identify fatal work injuries. Among these agencies are the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; the National Transportation Safety Board; the U.S. Coast Guard; the Mine Safety and Health Administration; the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (Federal Employees' Compensation and Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation divisions); the Federal Railroad Administration; the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; state vital statistics registrars, coroners, and medical examiners; state departments of health, labor, and industrial relations and workers' compensation agencies; state and local police departments; and state farm bureaus.

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Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Nevada, 2019–20

| Event or exposure (1) | 2019 | 2020 | |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Number | Percent |
| Total | 40 | 37 | 100 |
| Violence and other injuries by persons or animals | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| Transportation incidents | 18 | 14 | 38 |
| Aircraft incidents | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Other in-flight crash | | 3 | 8 |
| Other in-flight crash between air vehicles | | 2 | 5 |
| Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle | 12 | 8 | 22 |
| Roadway collision with other vehicle | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| Falls, slips, trips | 9 | 8 | 22 |
| Falls on same level | | 4 | 11 |
| Falls to lower level | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| Jumps to lower level | | 1 | 3 |
| Contact with objects and equipment | | 4 | 11 |

⁽¹⁾ Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward.

NOTE: Data for all years are final. Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. For complete information on how the data are coded and presented see our definitions page at https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfdef.htm. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria. CFOI fatal injury counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event.

Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Nevada, 2020

| Industry (1) | 2019 | 2020 | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Number | Percent |
| Total | 40 | 37 | 100 |
| Private industry (2) | 39 | 33 | 89 |
| Goods producing | | | |
| Natural resources and mining | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction (3) | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Mining (except oil and gas) | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Metal ore mining | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Gold ore and silver ore mining | 1 | 1 | 3 |
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| Construction | 7 | 9 | 24 |
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| Service providing (4) | | | |
| Trade, transportation, and utilities | 14 | 14 | 38 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 9 | 10 | 27 |
| Air transportation | | 2 | 5 |
| Nonscheduled air transportation | | 2 | 5 |
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| Truck transportation | 8 | 6 | 16 |
| General freight trucking | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| General freight trucking, long-distance | | 4 | 11 |
| Leisure and hospitality | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | | 1 | 3 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation industries | | 1 | 3 |
| Other amusement and recreation industries | | 1 | 3 |
| Accommodation and food services | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| Food services and drinking places | | 2 | 5 |
| Restaurants and other eating places | | 2 | 5 |
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| Limited-service restaurants | | 2 | 5 |
| Government (5) | 1 | 4 | 11 |
| Federal government | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| State government | | 1 | 3 |
| Local government | | 2 | 5 |

- (1) CFOI has used several versions of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) since 2003 to define industry. For complete information on the version of NAICS used in this year, see our definitions page at https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfdef.htm.
- (2) Cases where ownership is unknown are included in private industry counts.
- (3) Includes fatal injuries at all establishments categorized as Mining (Sector 21) in the North American Industry Classification System, including establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in oil and gas extraction.
- (4) Cases where industry is unknown are included in the service sector counts.
- (5) Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry. Cases classified as foreign government and other government are included in all government counts, but not displayed separately.

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Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Nevada, 2020

| Occupation (1) | 2019 | 2020 | |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Number | Percent |
| Total | 40 | 37 | 100 |
| Management occupations | | 1 | 3 |
| Other management occupations | | 1 | 3 |
| Food service managers | | 1 | 3 |
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| Food preparation and serving related occupations | | 1 | 3 |
| Food and beverage serving workers | | 1 | 3 |
| Fast food and counter workers | | 1 | 3 |
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| Construction and extraction occupations | 5 | 8 | 22 |
| Construction trades workers | 3 | 6 | 16 |
| Construction laborers | | 2 | 5 |
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| Transportation and material moving occupations | 12 | 14 | 38 |
| Air transportation workers | | 3 | 8 |
| Aircraft pilots and flight engineers | | 3 | 8 |
| Commercial pilots | | 3 | 8 |
| Motor vehicle operators | 10 | 9 | 24 |

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⁽¹⁾ CFOI has used several versions of the Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) system since 2003 to define occupation. For complete information on the version of SOC used in this year, see our definitions page at https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfdef.htm. Cases where occupation is unknown are included in the total.

Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by selected demographic characteristics, Nevada, 2019–20

| Worker characteristics | 2019 | 2020 | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Number | Percent |
| Total | 40 | 37 | 100 |
| Employee status | | | |
| Wage and salary workers (1) | 34 | 32 | 86 |
| Self-employed (2) | 6 | 5 | 14 |
| Gender | | | |
| Men | 39 | 31 | 84 |
| Women | | 6 | 16 |
| Age (3) | | | |
| 25 to 34 years | 4 | 7 | 19 |
| 35 to 44 years | 5 | 4 | 11 |
| 45 to 54 years | 9 | 9 | 24 |
| 55 to 64 years | 14 | 9 | 24 |
| 65 years and over | 6 | 6 | 16 |
| Race or ethnic origin (4) | | | |
| White, non-Hispanic | 26 | 24 | 65 |
| Black or African-American, non-Hispanic | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 7 | 8 | 22 |
| Asian, non-Hispanic | | 1 | 3 |

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⁽¹⁾ May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation. Cases where employment status is unknown are included in the counts of wage and salary workers.

⁽²⁾ Includes self-employed workers, owners of unincorporated businesses and farms, paid and unpaid family workers, and may include some owners of incorporated businesses or members of partnerships.

⁽³⁾ Information may not be available for all age groups.

⁽⁴⁾ Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude data for Hispanics and Latinos. Cases where ethnicity is unknown are included in counts of non-Hispanic workers.